

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/649,285

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/15/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 20060722.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Donald Dinella on 7/21/2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

(A) In the Specification

- On page 1 (line 4), after "Serial No.", -- **60/497,262** -- has been inserted.

(B) In the Claims

In Claim 1

- On line 3, after "a plurality of", -- **structures, said structures being** -- has been inserted.
- On line 4, after "plurality of", "**nanosttructures**" has been changed to -- **structures** --.
- On line 5, after "said plurality of", "**microstructures**" has been changed to -- **structures** --.
- On line 6, after "than one millimeter,", -- **wherein said plurality of structures are** -- has been inserted.
- On line 8, after "of said", "**nanosttructures or microstructures**" has been changed to -- **structures** --.

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- On line 11, before “disposed on said surface”, “**nanosttructures or microstructures**” has been changed to – **structures** –.
- On line 11, after “said surface, each”, “**nanosttructure**” has been changed to – **structure** –.
- On line 12, after “plurality of”, “**nanosttructures**” has been changed to – **structures** –
- On line 14, after “top of each said”, “**nanosttructure**” has been changed to – **structure** –.

In Claim 3

- On line 5, after “a plurality of nanosttructures or microstructures”, -- **operable to control friction between said surface and said fluid** – has been inserted.
- On line 9, before “friction between said surface”, -- **said** – has been inserted.

In Claim 4

- On line 5, after “a plurality of nanosttructures or microstructures”, -- **operable to control friction between said surface and said fluid** – has been inserted.
- On line 9, before “friction between said surface”, -- **said** – has been inserted.

Drawings

3. The following changes to the drawings are required:

- Applicant is requested to submit formal drawings.

Note: In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ajay Vasudeva whose telephone number is (571) 272-6689. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 12:00 -- 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, S. Joe Morano can be reached on (571) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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